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AT A GLANCE...



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As we step into Year 2018, we would like to formally introduce our 14th Executive Committee! Introducing our Madam President & TDO – Bernice Foo. Under her lead, this lady ensures that the club is in order. Next up, our Vice President – Kenny Chee! Apart from being known as “Teddy Bear Kenny”, he is Bernice’s right-hand man (first sidekick). Bernice’s second sidekick is Honorary General Secretary – Darryl Tan! Despite being known for his quirky personality and sassiness, he definitely does a job well-done as the club’s HGS. Being a handyman, this guy eagerly takes over as Logistics Director – Isaac Peck! A strong passion in fixing and piecing things together, we are definitely lucky to have him take on this role! Although she whines a lot and drinks water on the downwind, we trust in our Finance Director, Chermian Lim, to keep our accounts and funds safe. Lastly, we have our Marcomms Director, Nicole Quek! Having a “mother-like” figure, she hopes to fulfil exco duties while discovering her American Dream.





3RD NONGSA REGATTA

day 0

The early morning rain could not deter the brave sailors from SMU Sailing as they embarked upon their journey to Nongsa. No amount of good food and drink in our cooler boxes could satisfy our hunger and thirst for victory in the upcoming races.

What happens when you leave 5 guys to their own devices for a few hours? The guys from 5Guys1Cup found out that the correct answer to that question is "Jack shit". And what happens when you get a lawyer to helm? As Team X found out... she does her readings on the side.

Easy Game. Moving on to the Platus, Cherms and Chantel took turns being assholes (in Dai Ti) on ABC. Meanwhile, Ravipha from Boat'sKnotHot repaid the fleet's debt to Poseidon by sacrificing sweet potatoes to "FISHIES!"

With the currents in our favour, our boats reached Nongsa in record time, giving our sailors a moment of shut-eye before going to the Megamall to feast on fried chicken and root beer floats. We're all ready to conquer on the waters tomorrow!



day 1



Today we launched at 10am, in anticipation of the first day of racing. However, winds were very weak at the start and we spent 2 hours

floating in the sea, under the hot sun!

In the sweltering heat, our sailors found ways to entertain themselves, with SMUve having their own Bowline Challenge and Shengli blaring music whilst playing bridge.

Thankfully, winds picked up due to the storm and we managed 3 races under strong winds conditions.

SMUMad was a little ambitious, with 2 OCS out of 3 races! Special mention goes to their MVP, Mr. Jarrett, who was so sick of the OCS

that he puked after the race, bringing Singapore's Merlion all the way to Nongsa!

SMUve had a rather good day, finishing third overall for the first day of racing. In the last race, while rounding the finishing mark, SMUve had a little collision with SMUMad, with SMUve failing to give SMUMad enough room. They were on opposite tacks, guess opposites attract!

QD had a very ordinary day of sailing, with a very unordinary welfare box with a broken lid and fried rice from breakfast that kept them well sustained through the race!

Shengli's dream of 5 guys 1 (trophy) cup dream is coming true, with 1/3 of the way down after the first day, finishing 1st overall in the J24 IRC B class!



day 2

After the first day of racing ending off with the closing ceremony, the sailors were ecstatic to begin the second day of racing. With a rocky start to their first day of racing, SMUMad was ready to spark off "Lingz Redemption" whilst SMUve looked to close in on regatta leaders Waka Tere.

Conditions looked bleak prior to the first warning signal and no, there is no "but" here, it remained bleak up till the end of the first race. Conditions picked up after and were perfect for the Platus to capitalize on.

All the boats had an agonizing downwind in the first race with winds dying totally whilst the waves kept the boats rocky. The spinnaker trimmers and helms were put to the test whilst the rest of the crew were sensitive on the weights. An hour and a half later, SMUMad crossed the finish line first followed by SMUve.

An impressive day of racing completed "Lingz Redemption" with a 1-1-2 finish across 3 races with all smiles onboard. Mad was back on the hunt (or did they ever leave?).

SMUve saw themselves finishing well in the 3 races too, with a 2-2-3 finish. Some sailors have a tradition of giving offerings to the sea for good conditions and the inanimate railing on SMUve had the same idea. Chantel, Calvin and Bryan almost saw Poseidon/took a trip to Davey Jones' Locker when their railing gave way whilst they were hiking hard (good on you for hiking way too hard!). Thankfully, no sailors were harmed in the making of this regatta!

Quarterdeck found themselves close to giving offerings to the sea as well, with Pitman Lenny falling into the pit mid tack as he missed his step and Mains Trimmer ZhengWei slipping and sliding as he attempted to move to the foredeck to troubleshoot. Once again, no sailors were injured.

Shengli further cemented their quest to complete their "Cup", finishing as leaders for the J-24 Class on Day 2 of racing. Quest progress: 66.67% complete. However, it was not all a bed of roses for Shengli when they infringed Rule 10 of the Sailing Rules and failed to keep clear of Quarterdeck who was on the Starboard tack. Much to the relief of everyone, no collision resulted and the helm of Shengli vowed to make better judgement calls in the future.



Satiated from the wholesome seafood dinner and relaxing massage from last night, our sailors were all ready to give their final push in the regatta.

The first race kicked off with light winds that died off on the first upwind. SMUve looked poised to round the upwind mark first but the strong currents caused them to do a starboard rounding instead of a port one. Laughter could be heard from a distance from the other SMU boats.

After the hiccups on the first race, the second race saw SMU boats taking the top 4 positions for the second time in the regatta.

On the third race, the winds picked up considerably and we were all trying our utmost to finish strong. The 2 Platus ended race 3 with a neck-to-neck match race. Meanwhile, QD's mains trimmer truly fell for Batam when he fell on a tack. He made up for it by bailing 4 buckets of water out of the boat. Shengli completed the 3rd race auspiciously, finishing 3rd for the 3rd time today.

About 1 minute before the start of race 4, it started to storm and there was a continuous bout of lightning and thunder. The regatta thus ended early,

with our sailors enjoying a close to their day in the pool. After a tiring but fulfilling regatta, SMUve and SMUm ad achieved 2nd and 3rd place respectively for



the IRC class whereas for the J24 class, Shengli and Quarterdeck clinched 1st and 3rd Place respectively. Thereafter, our sailors indulged in a well-deserved dinner and afterparty.



day 4 - boat d

We had a hellavu time at Nongsa, with each boat winning award(s)! Now that our short escape from the semester is over, it's time to head back home to glue ourselves to our laptops. With headache and tiredness from the night before, the crew bid goodbye to Nongsa and departed the Marina at 11am.

Thankfully we were well-supplied with food and drinks for the 6 hours journey back, but both of our Platus' fuel tanks weren't - Shengli had to make a detour to rescue SMUve and SMUMad.



Our journey back was rather peaceful, with most of us 'died' on the boat. Jarrett suffered a relapse of Seasick and laid motionless throughout Boat-D, so much so that his crew thought that he died.

“So near and yet so far” best describes our feeling upon reaching Singapore’s water, the current was against us and it took FOREVER to reach Keppel bay. With much endeavour, we docked at 5.30pm, hurriedly packed our stuffs and rushed to the lobby to fetch our rides home for our much needed rest.

Well done SMU Sailing Team! Till the next Regatta!



SAN 2K18



Our one and only, Mr Colin Tan, won the “Most Inspiring Team Leader” award at SAN this year! His most inspiring quotes as one of the club’s best trimmers is:



#youdontwashboatwhowash & #mymotherwashah. He also represented Team Singapore at FISU 2016!



Not to forget, our very own Ms Hot Bod, Alison Chia! Thank you for voting for our pride!



Of course, what is an eventful night without beer! Team SMU Sailing was represented by Chantel, Kenny, Isaac, Annabelle and Joel! Thank you to all who joined us for SAN 2k18 and we hope to see you again next year!

SB20 GRAND SLAM 2018

day 1



With winds stronger than Nongsa and having no prior trainings together, our sailors were not prepared for the conditions. Day 1 saw Team Panda fishing (spinnaker in water) with every hoist because there was a little problem with the tackline. SMUxy had to disqualify their second race of the day because of a knot in their spin. Despite all these, we learnt a lot and are all ready to take on day 2!



day 2

Team Panda set off early to One Degree to adjust issues relating to rigging. We replaced the inner shroud and spent a good 1 hour trying to fix the tunings. The

boat d to the race area was torturous as we were late for the first warning signal at 12pm. Thankfully, the race was delayed and we managed to start with the fleet. The day had been interesting as SMUxy's mains halyard bust and two boats broke their masts. Having learnt from our mistakes from Day 1, we performed better, finishing in favourable positions despite a tough one design competition.

day 3

Team Panda was confident that we will be early to the race course today. We left the dock early (2 hours earlier) but I guess, luck wasn't on our side...we skyed our jib halyard within seconds from leaving the Marina.....With 1 hour to the first warning signal, we decided to mouse our halyard (hoping we can make it to the start) and sent our bowman, Darryl, up! We finally managed to fix our halyard 1 hour later and Mamat towed us to the race area (thanks Mamat!!). Unfortunately, both SMU boats did not start the first race, SMUxy's jib spectra burst right before the start. With winds stronger than before, we saw boats broaching at every downwind and we were not spared. Despite all the unfortunate events that happened during the regatta, we were thankful for the experience and ended the day with a great view on the Rooftop of One Degree Marina!



This regatta had been an adventure with multiple breakage like Team Panda's traveler and SMUxy's shroud. But all in all, it has been a great learning experience with our sailors learning a lot about boat rigging with the help of our alumni and Pascal! Also, congrats to SMU Alumni for winning 5th place and being the first Singapore boat! :)



Pubic Bay Cup Regatta

race day 1

The first warning signal was at 10.25am but we were out by 9.30am (because kiasu). Winds were pretty good and contrary to what we believed was going to be “flat waters” it was gusting about 10-12knots. That eventually died towards the end of the day and our passage race was shortened. Speaking of passage race, we missed the flag that indicated a need to round the windward mark and ended up sailing far off in the opposite direction before realizing our mistake.... but we managed to catch up in the end!! :)

Being 60kg lighter than the boat’s max weight, we were obviously overpowered but no one can beat Japan’s weight of only 291kg (they were 4 up when everyone else sailed 6 up and the max weight was 425kg).

After 1 windward/leeward course and 1 passage race, the day ended around 2pm with SMU Sailing being 3rd place (tied points with 2nd) for the day! Keep it up guys and all the best for the next 3 days!

race day 2

A new day, a new set of challenges for Team Subic Booze Cruise. Having had the same points as the second team on day 1 but ranked third by count back, we were desperate to pull away. Race 3 saw the first two boats pulling away from the fleet, allowing us to come in second place comfortably.

Race 4 however, wasn't as smooth sailing. With lighter winds and a late start saw us struggling to keep up with their track record. After a few good tactical calls, we saw ourselves catching up with the fleet from the back, finishing in a favourable position.

Despite all this, we placed 2nd overall today.

race day 3

Race day 3 was light winds about 7knots only. We were all prepared to take on the passage race after learning our lesson from day 1. However our passage race was changed to a windward/leeward race instead. After 6 races and 1 discard, we are placed 3rd with 1 point behind the 2nd place. Hopefully we will be able to catch up tomorrow!



race day 4

The last race of the regatta also came as a surprise to all the participants. Winds died and many were left to bob on the water downwind. Out of a blue, the winds shifted to upwind and caught many off guard. The sudden change in wind direction shuffled the placings of the race.

Having had no experience sailing on the Fareast28 and no prior training as a crew before this regatta, I think we did exceptionally well considering the competition from the international and local teams here in the Philippines. Charting unfamiliar waters, we are very grateful for the hospitality shown by the Filipinos, especially from Subic Sailing.

Being protested was surely a kill joy on both days, thankfully we were able to walk away unscathed... But it definitely taught us valuable lessons about reading the class rules of the different boats before the regatta and not assume that the boat is similar to those we are familiar with.



Keelin' It



The third instalment of Keelin' It happened this weekend. SMU Sailing hopes that all our participants and sailors had a great time under the sun and that the slight drizzle towards the end of the day didn't bring anyone down!

Thank you to all our participants for coming down and also to our own beloved sailors for helping out this weekend! Do keep a lookout for our next instalment of Keelin' It if you missed this one! See you again! (-:



UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIFE AWARDS 2018

Congratulations to SMU Sailing for achieving SILVER this year! This award recognises outstanding club achievements for the past year. We would like to thank all our sailors for their handwork and dedication to training for all the local and overseas regattas.

Most importantly, we will strive to achieve the GOLD award next year! We would like to congratulate our President, Bernice Foo, for achieving the individual BRONZE award as well!